

Monday: 05/10/20

Ezekiel 18:27

In Monopoly there's a card in the Community Chest card set that says "get out of Jail Free". For some this is just a random card in a board game. Yet the Bible does have a similar option. In this verse we are told that if someone is completely resolved in repenting the wrongs they have done there is a place in heaven for them.

Although this sounds straight forward it can be challenging for many Christians. Can you accept the thought of Ivan Milat being in heaven? The Bible tells us clearly that if he were to repent of his crimes he would be accepted into heaven and God presence. So how would you feel about meeting him in heaven?

Teach me to avoid judgement.

Tuesday: 06/10/20

Psalm 149:2

Rejoice and be glad in your King your, God and your Lord? Is this your daily reflection on your relationship with the Lord, your Saviour? Do you seek a special ongoing praise and worship of God and God's Son? Or do you only relate to God when you have a need?

We are called to build our relationship, every day. We should seek ways to rejoice and bring praise and honour to God. Through our words and more specifically through our actions.

Seek ways to do this each day as you rejoice.

We need to glow with our praise for you.

Wednesday: 07/10/20

2 Timothy 1:12

We all will suffer from time to time. The difference between Christians and a non Christians is a stark. For Christians who suffer they will always come to terms with their pain through their faith in the Lord. Non Christians may use our suffering to attack us. They may claim our trials are a shame and a sign of weakness, while claiming God doesn't exist.

While those who believe are called and exhorted to see challenges as more than pain. The verse tells us that we are able to trust to God who is able to guard what we have entrusted to him. This will be different for each of us. As we will each have a heartfelt yearning that only God will know and understand.

Don't be ashamed, but trust everything to the Lord.

My heart is known by you, I trust you with it.

Thursday: 08/10/20

John 13:34

A new commandment and challenge. Many atheists will say that they love everyone. While sarcastically pointing out how blind with hate Christians are when they take a stand against sin. If we scratch the surface we'll find just how shallow an atheists love and acceptance really is.

This verse can be tricky and has been twisted by many. Both by non believers and by many liberal Christians. Yet it does not in any way convey any acceptance of sin. The verse calls believers to show love among each other. A form of love called Agape.

May my love for others reflect your love for me.

Friday: 09/10/20

Acts 16:28

Paul freed a woman who was held captive by a spirit. Her condition had made her keepers rich. The price he received for freeing her was to be stripped, beaten and thrown in prison. While there he prayed and sang.

In the middle of the night there was an earth quack that opens and loosens all forms of constraint. The jailor knowing to lose prisoners would result in his execution was ready to kill himself. Yet Paul showed both restraint and compassion. He assured him all prisoners were still secure.

How ready are we to use our trials and tribulations as an opportunity to show compassion to those who are testing our faith?

In every trial let my faith reveal your Grace.

Saturday: 10/10/20

Matthew 23:27

I was stationed in Northern Germany with the American army. My duty was as a Medic or a 91 Bravo. Which might sound impressive, but in peace the medic is not as valued as they are in war.

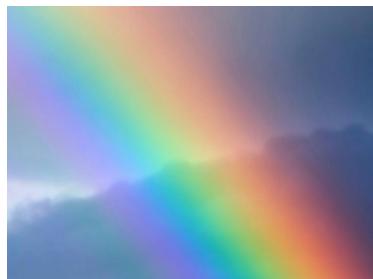
On manoeuvres I saw a Church in the middle of nowhere. I about it and was told it wasn't real. It had it all; windows and a steeple. Yet when I got closer the allusion fell apart. It was like the verse had described. An empty shell. A fake.

Sadly many Churches today are empty shells.

Protect me Lord from the false faith of the fallen.

Tomorrow Rainbows

(an acrostic)



Tomorrow seems so far away.
Or is it just another lie.
My heart wants to do what is right.
Old ways are hard to leave behind.
Reasons can be so confusing.
Running away from commitment.
One cold fear keeps me here frozen.
What will I do with yesterday.

Rainbows glow with the grace of God.
A promise of a brand new day.
I look to the Lord for my strength.
Nothing can compare to Gods love.
Beautiful and perfect he is.
On the wings of a dove it flies.
Welcoming me each brand new day.
Setting me free of yesterday.

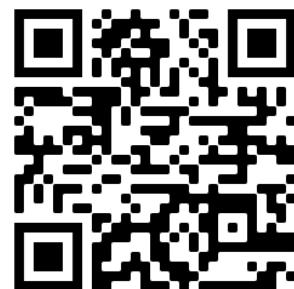
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and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*

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Six days to Sunday



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